



**West Corridor Minutes**  
February 28, 2025  
**Memorial Hermann Memorial City**  
**929 Gessner Road**  
**Houston, Texas 77024**  
9:00 – 11:00 am



**A. Call to Order**

Andrew Fisk opened the meeting at 9:00 am.

**B. Approval of Minutes (C101)**

Mr. Fisk requested review of the December minutes. The corridor members unanimously approved the minutes as written.

**C. New Business**

- **Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) – Mission & Resource Brief**  
Jerrell Connerly (Houston Region Cybersecurity Advisor/CISA) gave an overview of CISA's mission, resources, current security priorities, and the services they offer (assisting with HVA's, tabletop exercises, full-scale exercises, etc.).

**D. HPP Capabilities Review**

- **World Cup Update**  
Troy Erbentraut reported the process is still in the planning stages with ongoing meetings. He advised there is not a game schedule out yet as team hosts have not been identified, but they should be announced sometime towards the end of this year/first of next year. He stated the World Cup asked TxDot to dedicate HOV lanes to the traffic (senior officials, teams, etc.) and they declined which should give us an idea of how much traffic Houston will be incurring during the span of the event. Harris County is expected approximately the event to bring in an additional ten percent of our population over a 45-day period with practices and fan fair parties being held in the area in addition to the games.
- **Pulsara Update**  
Jax Kincade reminded the group to make sure they have a Pulsara account as training will begin soon. If any hospitals need training for their staff or are experiencing problems, she is available to assist. The Pulsara support group can assist with any issues and can be contacted at 406.206.7070 or pulsara.com.

**E. EMTF Update**

Grant Kelley reported EMTF has been busy since the last meeting (see below):

1. EMTF activated and deployed task force to California on an EMAC to provide force protection for the TIFMAS wildland fire response. The team spent 4 days traveling and 14 days on the ground for the Palisades Wildfires. The EMTF sent 1 task force leader, 4 Medical Unit Leaders, 4 Wildland Paramedic Units and 2 ambulances. Many thanks to Humble Fire Rescue and Huffman Fire Department for deploying from EMTF 6.
2. Fire Season is kicking off with three WLFS packages currently prepositioned across the state.
3. EMTF Workgroups in San Antonio were very productive and have confirmed that we will be scheduling a MIST course at some point mid-2025. There will be prerequisites to audit the MIST course such as EMTF 101 and Deployment basics. More to follow.



4. EMTF 6 took possession of the Radiological Response Unit equipment. The curriculum is still in development, and we will be working to identify interested agencies in participating in Prehospital and Hospital RRU Teams.
5. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Cy-Fair Fire Dept. hosted another prehospital infectious disease response unit course.
6. Mr. Kelley has started EMTF 101 and Deployment basics presentations with interested agencies. Remember this must be completed to proceed into overhead positions within the EMTF.
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## **F. Training and Exercise Update**

James Meaux reviewed the distributed training schedule with the corridor members (*filed with West Corridor minutes binder*). He highlighted the return of CMOC-101 classes beginning in January, upcoming decon classes and other requested classes. The tabletop exercises will be held at the March/April corridor meetings with the regional exercise scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **G. Special Populations Update**

Fidel Calvillo reported on the following:

1. Winter storm Enzo response activities.
2. Provided and AAR template for winter storm Enzo for facilities and agencies to assist with meeting their regulatory requirements.
3. Continue to work with local jurisdiction on emergency preparedness workshop for elected officials.
4. Upcoming training for dialysis clinics on the use of EMResource.
5. Continue to work with new facilities to be part of RHPC and provide emergency preparedness guidance.

## **H. Inventory Update**

Mr. Erbentraut reported SETRAC no longer has PPE since it was expired from COVID and been disposed. He stated Grant Kelley made Radiologically Response Unit (RRU) which comes with protection equipment and SETRAC is taking an inventory in radiological protection equipment and how it can benefit the region should there be an issue at a facility where the equipment could be made available to that facility.

## **I. Partner Updates**

There was discussion regarding H5N1, Tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases, past and upcoming exercises, World Cup planning, radio drill, and cybersecurity.

No other partner updates were submitted. Anyone wanting their partner update included in the minutes should send their update via email to Roxie Ward at [roxie.ward@setrac.org](mailto:roxie.ward@setrac.org). This will ensure updates are documented accurately in the minutes.

## **J. Open Discussion/Other Business**

### **• Corridor Meeting Locations**

The 2024-2025 meetings are coming to an end in June 2025. The 2025-2026 draft meeting schedule will be reviewed at the June meeting and locations will be needed.

### **• Texas Wristband Program**

Kat Samuel announced there is a truck located in the west lot with boxes of the wristbands to distribute. She advised that the Memorial Hermann System will be picking their wristbands up at the warehouse.



**Adjournment**

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Fisk adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am. The next West Corridor meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025, to be held at HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest, 710 Cypress Creek Parkway. Houston, Texas 77090.

**ATTENDEES:** Virginia Hernandez, Hakeem Bombata, Barry Moore, James Campbell, Lasandra Brown, Lauren Burns, Jonathan Keels, Kiva Maxwell, Jerry Thomas Allison Reimers, James Meaux, Jay Ledesma, Joseph Murray, Michele Marin, Kimberly Hobson, Jeremy Brynes, Scott Reeves, Justin Zimmer, Tammy Kristynik-Moeller, Zane Brown, Andrew Fisk, Joe Schorre, Katherine Samuel, Fidel Calvillo, Troy Erbentraut, Grant Kelley



WEST CORRIDOR PARTICIPATION LISTING (FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025)					
First Name	Last Name	Organization Name (West)	West Corridor Meeting	How did you attend?	Meeting Code
Virginia	Hernandez	Caring Heart Hospice and Palliative Care Services	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Hakeem	Bombata	Trucare Hospice and Palliative Services	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Barry	Moore	Kindred Northwest	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
James	Campbell	Memorial Hermann Northeast	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Lasandra	Brown	Texas Children's West	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Lauren	Burns	HCA Houston Healthcare Kingwood	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Jonathan	Keels	HCA Houston Healthcare North Cypress	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Kiva	Maxwell	Harris County Public Health	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Jerry	Thomas	CHI St. Luke's The Woodlands	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Allison	Reimers	Memorial Hermann Cypress	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
James	Meaux	SETRAC	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Jay	Ledesma	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Joseph	Murray	Memorial Hermann Memorial City	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Michele	Marin	Houston Methodist Willowbrook	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Kimberly	Hobson	Harris County Public Health	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Jeremy	Brynes	Beaumont Emergency Hospital	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Scott	Reeves	HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Justin	Zimmer	Montgomery County OEM	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Tammy	Kristynik-Moeller	Columbus Community	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Zane	Brown	Columbus Community	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Andrew	Fisk	Houston Methodist Willowbrook	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Joe	Schorre	Huntsville Memorial	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Katherine	Samuel	SETRAC	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Troy	Erbentraut	SETRAC	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Grant	Kelley	SETRAC	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity
Fidel	Calviloo	SETRAC	West 02/28/2025	In person	Memcity